

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1246

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 51421 of the Education Code, relating to high school equivalency certificates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1246, as introduced, Wolk. High school equivalency certificates.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a high school equivalency certificate and an official score report, or an official score report only, to a person who has not completed high school and who meets specified requirements, including passing a general educational development test. Existing law authorizes the Superintendent to charge an examinee a one-time fee to pay costs related to administering the test and issuing a certificate, as specified. Existing law limits the amount of the fee to \$20 per person. Existing law makes an examinee responsible for submitting to the Superintendent requests for copies of the certificate and requests to forward a report of results of the test to postsecondary educational institutions.

This bill would delete the requirement that the fee be a one-time fee, and make an examinee responsible for submitting to the superintendent a request to issue an amended certificate, for specified purposes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 51421 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51421. (a) ~~The superintendent~~ *Superintendent* may charge a ~~one-time-only~~ fee, established by the State Board of Education, to be submitted by an examinee when registering for the test sufficient in an amount not greater than the amount required to pay the cost of administering this article, *including costs related to subdivision (b)*, and for the cost of providing ~~all followup~~ services related to the completion of the general educational development test. The amount of each fee may not exceed twenty dollars (\$20) per person.

(b) The examinee shall be responsible for submitting to the Superintendent of Public Instruction ~~all subsequent requests of the following requests:~~

(1) ~~A request for a duplicate copies~~ *copy* of the California high school equivalency certificate ~~and all requests.~~

(2) ~~A request to forward reports~~ *a report* of the results of the applicant's a general educational development test to a postsecondary educational institutions *institution*.

(3) *A request to issue an amended certificate in order to indicate a change regarding the holder of the certificate, including a change in name or gender.*